

Eugenie and Joseph Doyle Research Partnership Fund

COMPETITION FOR PILOT STUDY FUNDING

Important Dates:

Application deadline: May 31, 2020

Award announcement: July 15, 2020

Funding Period: Sept 1, 2020 – Aug 31, 2021
(12 month Maximum)

Purpose of the Doyle Research Partnership Fund

The **Eugenie and Joseph Doyle Research Partnership Fund** within the Center for Home Care Policy & Research provides funding to junior investigators to support preliminary studies that will contribute to the growth of their programs of research and to launch collaborative clinical or health services research with the Visiting Nurse Service of New York.

Studies are to engage academic/clinical partners with VNSNY researchers and clinicians in significant knowledge-building efforts designed to *improve the quality of care, independence and/or health-related quality of life of one or more vulnerable populations* defined by socio-economic status, ethnicity, age, and/or medical or social complexity of their care requirements. Study findings will support the preliminary study section of future, larger applications for federal funding.

Awards

Awards of up to \$10,000 will be made to support pilot work, such as primary data collection and/or data analysis and dissemination efforts. In addition, an investigator may receive up to 20 hours of programming or scheduling support from Research Center staff.

Proposed Research Focus

Effective collaboration across institutions and disciplines is an essential feature of most health services research. A broad knowledge base is necessary to improve health care delivery and outcomes of vulnerable populations with complex health and social needs. Proposals may focus on issues such as:

- Care coordination and interprofessional communication and collaboration
- Methods of improving clinical management of complex or difficult to remediate medical/social conditions
- Patient/family-centered care planning and goal attainment
- Shared decision making
- Patient/family self-management support
- Advanced illness management and palliative care
- Approaches to support quality of life and independent living in the community
- The use of technology to address challenges of vulnerable populations

Requirements

- A minimum of two investigators (one from the academic/clinical partner and one from VNSNY).
 - Please review the Center for Home Care Research & Policy website for information on potential VNSNY collaborators. <https://www.vnsny.org/for-healthcare-professionals/vnsny-research-center/>
 - Applicants should contact potential VNSNY collaborators directly to plan & develop the application
- Evidence that the proposal addresses an issue related to a vulnerable population
- Letters of support: one from each participating institution (including VNSNY)
- A CV or Biosketch from each non-VNSNY Investigator-level project participant
- Representation from more than one discipline or profession desired, but not required

Applicant Eligibility

- Applicant must hold a PhD or the equivalent
- Applicant must be a fellow or junior faculty member at a School of Nursing, Medicine, Public Health, Rehabilitative Medicine, Social Work, Pharmacy or comparable academic or scientific research institution

Award Amount & Funding Restrictions

- Awards are up to \$10,000
- The budget period must not exceed 12 months; however, no-cost extensions will be considered if they support dissemination activities
- No indirect costs will be covered
- Direct costs must be directly tied to pilot work, and may include salary & fringe costs
- Conference travel costs are allowed if dissemination efforts for the pilot work are justified
- The following VNSNY support should **not** be budgeted as direct costs (though this support must still be justified within the budget justification)
 - the 20 hour in-kind use of staff for scheduling or programming
 - the participation of the required VNSNY investigator
- VNSNY support additional to the above is allowed, but must be budgeted as a direct cost
- Applicants are required to use the provided budget form
 - Budgeted costs must be classified into a) those incurred directly by applicant and b) those incurred directly by VNSNY
- The budget justification must indicate predicted level-of-effort for all budgeted direct salary costs
- The Applicant and VNSNY Co-I should contact Samuel.jackson@vnsny.org for assistance in budgeting any proposed VNSNY direct costs.

Selection Process

Each proposal will be reviewed by two independent reviewers for its

- Scientific merit and feasibility
- Relevance to one or more vulnerable populations
- Significance
- Qualification of the collaborative research team

In addition, reviewers will favor proposals that:

- Have a strong likelihood of receiving future National Institutes of Health (NIH) extramural funding and, ultimately lead to published findings in a peer-reviewed journal
- Establish a new and promising collaboration or strengthen and expand an existing collaboration – e.g., by pursuing a new and promising research direction

Application

- The proposal must include all sections listed below.
- Sections 1-7 should be combined into one PDF file.
 - the maximum total length of these sections combined is **(3) single-spaced pages** (not including the references)
 - use **11 pt Arial font** and **1” margins** all around
- Sections 8–11 should be submitted in PDF format, and may be included as separate files or combined into a single PDF with sections 1-7.
 1. Research question, specific aims and hypotheses
 2. Background and Significance of Research, citing appropriate references and relating to specific aims of future grant application to be generated
 3. Research Plan, describing the research team to be involved, study population of interest, methods (qualitative and/or quantitative methods to be used and type of statistical analysis if applicable)
 4. Description of how Doyle Funding will prepare the applicant to be able to seek subsequent NIH support for a larger study
 5. Project timeline
 6. Expected Deliverable (e.g., grant application or short report outlining findings and next steps)
 7. References
 8. Budget (on provided budget form)
 9. Budget justification
 10. Letters of Support (1 from each institution involved)
 11. CV or Biosketch for each non-VNSNY Investigator-level project contributor

For additional information and to submit your proposal, email Samuel.jackson@vnsny.org with the subject line: *Eugenie and Joseph Doyle Research Partnership Fund*